



The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

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Speaker

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Florida House of Representatives

FROM: Dean Cannon, Speaker

DATE: March 3, 2011

RE: First Week of Session

During the first week of the 2011 Legislative Session, the House will focus primarily on subcommittee and committee meetings with some limited time on the Floor. Aside from the ceremonies of opening day, Floor time will be devoted to a handful of bills for Special Order on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, and Third Reading and Special Order on Thursday, March 10, 2011.

The following bills or their Senate companions are anticipated for consideration:

- CS/CS/HB 7005, an act related to unemployment compensation, by the Economic Affairs Committee, Finance & Tax Committee, Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee and Representative Holder
- HB 7007 (SB 944), a reviser's bill, by the Rules & Calendar Committee and Chairman Aubuchon
- HB 7009 (SB 924), a reviser's bill, by the Rules & Calendar Committee and Chairman Aubuchon
- HB 7011 (SB 946), a reviser's bill, by the Rules & Calendar Committee and Chairman Aubuchon

- HB 7013 (SB 916), a reviser's bill, by the Rules & Calendar Committee and Chairman Aubuchon
- HCR 7015 (SB 1202), a concurrent resolution establishing the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature, by the Rules & Calendar Committee and Chairman Aubuchon
- HB 7017 (SB 1204), an act related to joint legislative organizations, by the Rules & Calendar Committee and Representative Eisnaugle

The staff analyses for all of these bills have been published and are available on LEAGIS or at www.myfloridahouse.gov under the "Bill" tab. In addition, the House's Office of Public Information has produced a plain language summary of HB 7005 (unemployment compensation), including a frequently asked questions section and resource links, that is attached to this e-mail for your convenience.

It is my intention to conduct an orderly and respectful process on the Floor. I strongly encourage Members to come to the Floor prepared. If you have questions about a bill, please reach out to the bill sponsor or to our House staff in advance of Floor action. The questioning of a bill sponsor on the House Floor is a privilege and should not be abused by asking questions for which the answers are readily available from the bill text or the additional written materials provided. Please also be advised that questions are appropriate on Special Order, and debate is appropriate on Third Reading. The proper purpose of a question is to obtain information in good faith, not to supply information to the body. Debate phrased in the form of a question is disrespectful to your fellow Members and will be found to be out-of-order.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Tallahassee next week.